

ANY PREDICTIONS FROM NANANOM OR MALLAMS FOR THE YEAR?



One interesting thing about those of us who believe in superstitions, our faith is most of the time partly dependent on what our spiritual masters/pastors or prophets give as predictions. Our faith is most of the time strengthened over accurate predictions and outcomes which show the might of the powers our masters/friends have. The ability to predict the future by religious specialists such as (Akomfo, Dunsifo, Mallam) or in between spiritual workers is a revered discipline that many of us respect because it is a cultural right and part of our tradition. What we have been anticipating this year is Ghana's particular predictions for the year. We are asking for anyone with that energy and support from the good spirits and Nananom to send us any if he/she has one for publication.



Meanwhile as we wait for Ghana's exclusive one, we present you with a **global one** from some US based astrologers. Is this a big challenge for some of our powerful masters who have everything from conjuring money, healing the sick of un-curable diseases, helping the barren to give birth; giving lotto numbers; supporting people to get travel visas; making "sikaduro"; giving pastors spiritual powers; advising and aiding students to pass their final exams, catching witches and supporting people and the community?

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ASBURY PARK, N.J. — A possible cure for cancer. Another baby boy for Prince William and Duchess Kate. More space travel, with an end goal of vacations on Mars.

All are predictions of what could happen in the world in 2014, according to psychic Barbara Mackey of Toms River, who has done **psychic readings** and paranormal investigations for 25 years.

But it's not just **psychics** who are expecting exciting changes in 2014. Much is on the horizon for the new year, according to outlooks from economists and futurists.

Flo Higgins, an astrologer in Eatontown, said those born under the signs of Aries, Capricorn, Cancer and Libra are going to feel tremendous changes in their lives through the middle of July.

Aquarius, Leo, Scorpio and Taurus people have been undergoing plenty of trials and tribulations, Higgins said, but are due for a big payoff. Their long roads will calm down toward the end of 2014's summer.

Gemini, Pisces, Sagittarius and Virgo people need to be careful, Higgins cautioned.

"They've got to use disciplines," Higgins said. "They seem to get into a lot of trouble."

Stars expected to have a big 2014 include Britney Spears, Ryan Gosling and Miley Cyrus — with a quickie wedding and divorce and a possible spread in Playboy magazine for Cyrus, Mackey predicts.

"I think it's gonna be a continuation of what we've been going through; our moral standards are going to continue to drop ... we're going to have more Miley Cyrus-type things," Higgins said.

Comedy could take entertainment by the reins this year, Mackey said.

"People want to laugh ... it seems that they're thirsty to laugh and have fun, so people that can (act) in comedy are at the top of the list (this year)," Mackey said.

Mixed views on economy

Joel Naroff, an economist based in Holland, Pa., expects the nation's economy to bounce back in the second half of the year.

"The remaining missing link in this recovery ... we're just not getting a lot of wage and salary gain," Naroff said. "Who's had a good salary increase lately? You have to get the unemployment down at a level where companies need to start bidding for workers. Some of that will happen in 2014."

The year will end with an unemployment rate of 6.2 to 6.3 percent, he predicts.

But Michael Zey of Morristown, a **Montclair State University** business professor and member of the World Future Society, a nonprofit educational and scientific organization, is not as positive.

"It's very disturbing that 80 percent of the new jobs were part-time (this year)," Zey said. "I see no indication from employers that they're willing to increase their hiring — they're making their profits through cost-cutting, investing in new technologies and few hirings."

Technology will continue to grow at a rapid rate, Zey said, and 3-D printers will become more common in households.

"Now they have bio-printing where they're using medical tissues to create organs, from an ear to a pancreas ... this is part of the medical discovery process. And as people hear about these, they don't want to hear their insurance company isn't going to pay for this. That's part of the clash, the conflict that's going to be taking place between all these breakthroughs at the medical level," Zey said.

Mackey, meanwhile, says she has a strong inkling that discoveries for a cancer vaccine will be made, and a cause for what creates the disease will be targeted.

"It's going to be a trial; they're trying it right now, I believe," Mackey said. "I think it might start out in Canada. I'm hopeful with this."

Higgins predicts more options to protect one's privacy on Facebook and Twitter will be created.

"We'll have more advances in communication; they're not stopping as far as Internet and the telephones," Higgins said.

Look forward to more space travel, too, according to Mackey, with a focus on Mars. The end goal is to eventually have resorts and vacation spots on the planet, she predicts.

Political changes

Mackey's psychic predictions say local governments will be dismissed by citizens, who will eventually take matters into their own hands.

"I believe there's going to be a collective consciousness that's going to affect us on a worldwide, global level," Mackey said. "We're looking at ourselves and saying, 'we do have the power to change things on a lower level.' We can't count on the government; they used to be our role models, but no longer."

President Barack Obama will be in jeopardy, Mackey said, when a scandal surrounding him arises.

What about New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a possible presidential candidate?

"His discipline in getting his weight off ... if he's able to do that, he will run," Higgins said. "He's already running. He's a Virgo, he's very detail-oriented and he's got it all mapped out."

Democrats could lose their majority in the U.S. Senate after the 2014 midterm elections.

"I think (politicians) will be more bipartisan," Mackey said. "I think they will play nice for the sake of the country. I'm not saying this is going to be overnight; it's a process."

Zey sees Republicans will pick up 10 Senate seats.

"A lot of the Senate seats are up for grabs in red states," Zey said. "You could have a year from now a Republican Senate and House with a Democrat president ... that's the way it looks politically right now, (but) things can change dramatically in 10 months."



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WHO IS THE ASANTEHENE'S NSUMANKWAHENE AND WHAT DOES HE DO?



In an era when traditional African faith practice is receiving global attention especially in the New World, it is important for some of us who are learning more than enough to share our findings with those who have interests in knowing beyond basic facts. Do you know somebody who says he is an Nsumankwahene? The most reputable and highest spiritual position in Asante kingdom and in Asantehene's paramountcy is that of the Sumankwahene. So who is a Sumankwahene? Is he the most powerful priest in the Kingdom?

The Sumankwahene is an expert and the head of traditional medicine (traditional physician) for the Asantehene and to do his work, he has to mobilize all the diligent, honest, dedicated and knowledgeable spiritual workers in Asante Kingdom.

According to an interview conducted with the Sumankwa division in the Asante paramountcy, the division harnesses and coordinates all forms of **spiritual powers** within Asante for the health and well-being of the King of Asante and the State. It is headed currently by the Nsumankwahene, Baffour Domfe Gyeabour III, whose deputy is Nana Asare Ababio II.



Baffour Domfe Gyeabour III is in charge of all deities in Asante since all deities in the land technically belong to the King. All indigenous priests and priestesses, herbalists and Muslim diviners (Malams) have to **register** with the Asantehene's Nsumankwahene before they can practice in Asante. If you are an Okomfo or spiritualist practicing in Ashanti region, our question is "Are you registered with Sumankwa directorate"?



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ANTOA ? ANTOA WHAT? WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ANTOA NYAMAA



Have you wondered why Antoa Nyamaa is so popular? Why is a shrine in a small town so widely respected and has reputation all over West Africa and even abroad? What makes it special? What do they do there? Is it only a place for "duabo" curses and neutralizing of curses? Who is in charge? What is the role of the Antoahene in the affairs of the shrine? This article is an introduction to all the above questions. keep reading.



Antoa, is a town in the Ashanti region 9 miles west of Kumasi. It has a population of about 3000 and a high school with a population of about 300 students. What makes this relatively small town popular is the prestige attached to the town's river deity and shrine ASUO ANTOA NYAMAA.



In his research, a learned professor in UK, Pashington Obeng writes that through interviews with some students from Antoa High school and the Obosomfo of the shrine, many students consult the shrine during their final exams. The students said the shrine help them to get good grades.

Antoa town's location between Kumasi and Bonwire the home of Kente clothes makes it strategic. Travellers from the North of Ghana to and from Kumasi who pass through the town hear news of the shrine's oracular powers and spread it. The proximity to Bonwire also means traders and tourists also get to hear of the powers of Antoa. The reputation of the shrine has been enhanced by religious, socio-economic as



well as geographical factors.

One of the religious factors is Antoa's ability to help the students to pass their exams by getting good grades. They do so by consulting the shrine and study hard. They explained that they also seek protection from sickness during the exams. **(ADESUA EDURO)**.....



The chief of Antoa at the time of Obeng's research was 60 years old, a member of the **Presby church** and had **2 wives**. In 1988 he lost 9 of his family members and also had a dream that his townsmen were plotting to destool him. He reported the dream to his pastor, who played for him to avert that. Antoa Nyamaa is a traditional Asante deity. It has a trans-ethnic fame does not have an Okomfo but an Obosomfo (male shrine custodian). The reason given by the Antoahene and the Obosomfo is that Nyamaa is a powerful deity and does not like liars. They said some of the Akomfo are not honest, so since time immemorial the shrine has only a male custodian from the deity owners family.

A lot of prominent Ghanaians are from this small town. Nana Konadu Agyeman Rawlings is a native of Antoa. Can you believe this?

Nyamaa's location is a distance from the town which is cleared and clean all the time by the owners and the youth of the town. The deity is said to be residing in a grove and an oxbow lake in which sacrifices are made. The lake is surrounded by a fence which divides the area into Nananom area, ordinary people area and women's area where devotees take shower during rituals. Most of the rituals performed are mostly thanksgiving, spiritual justice issues and pacification rites. The Obosomfo who oversees everything done is accountable to the chief of the town since traditionally he is the landlord. Rituals most of the time involve animal sacrifices etc.



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ARCHBISHOP PETER SARPONG, "ANCESTORS, SAINTS AND IDOLATRY."
EXCERPT FROM "AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY RISING: STORIES FROM
GHANA"

This sequence of commentary on spirits of ancestors from Archbishop Peter Sarpong, a pioneer in introducing African culture into Christian worship (see vimeo.com/7347271), &

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THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING THE RIGHT HERBS



A 17-year-old junior high school (JHS) pupil died when she took a local Herbal potion to induce a non-existent abortion.

The deceased was alleged to have missed her menses, and suspecting pregnancy, she sought the assistance of a herbalist who was said to have prepared the potion for her to abort the pregnancy.

A family source that pleaded anonymity told The Mirror that the woes of the girl, a mother of one, started on December 3, 2013 when she reported to school and started complaining of stomach pains.

Back home, she had told her parents that she was rather having a headache, and so the efforts of the parents were geared towards getting her medication to get rid of the headache.

She was later rushed to the Royal Hospital in Ho where doctors revealed that she had taken a concoction which had destroyed the organs in the stomach.

She died about three hours later.

However, a check from her medical records did not indicate that she had been pregnant, indicating that she might have taken the potion when she thought she was pregnant.

At her funeral at Taviefe-Deme near Ho, there was near chaos between the Catholic Youth Organisation (CYO) and the youth group of the town over who had the right to convey her remains to the cemetery for burial.

She was a member of the CYO, and so the group had come to convey her remains to the cemetery after the burial service, but the youth of the town would not agree, insisting that since she was a youth of the town, they must have the right to convey her remains for burial.

Their show of aggression ultimately led to the CYO leaving the remains to be carried by the youth of the town, while they followed.

A friend of the deceased's mother, who only identified herself as Sheila, told this reporter that the deceased was the only daughter of the mother.

According to Sheila, the deceased became pregnant while in JHS 2 and the mother took the child after the delivery to enable the deceased to continue with her education.

However, suspecting she was pregnant again the girl confided in a friend that she had missed her menses and went ahead to seek the assistance of the herbalist who prepared the potion for her to abort the foetus.

Sheila said her friend explained that when the deceased took the potion, she bled a little but maintained that the entire foetus had not been destroyed and, therefore, continued to take the potion.

Her visibly saddened mother could not hold back her tears at the funeral and kept on asking why her daughter kept the issue from her.

A family source also said at a point the deceased emitted an offensive odour from the mouth but no one could say what was wrong, since she claimed she had a headache.

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OKOMFUO BONDUKU 1937

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Did you say Okomfo in 1937? Yeah, that is a long time ago, probably before some of our parents were born and some two decades before Ghana's independence:

It is interesting to know that Akom has been with us since time immemorial. A fact we have always say with pride that even our own Okomfo Anokye's parents had to seek the help of some Akomfo to know his fate and destiny as a future high priest of the Ashantis. This revelation should teach all of us a lesson, how to be HUMBLE, DEDICATED, HARD WORKING and TRUTHFUL.

The people and the community we serve need our TRUST. On this note we will like to wish all NANANOM Akomfo and all shrine members, AFENHYIAPA as well as Happy Kwanzaa.

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THE SPIRITUAL PART OF EDINA BAKATUE



Edina Akomfo (traditional priests) dancing during Edina Bakatue festival at Elmina, Central Region, Ghana.

Elmina is a town in the central region of Ghana and is also known locally as Edina. The community celebrates an important agricultural, community history and family reunion festival called "BAKATUE". Bakatue is an annual festival, celebrated on the first Tuesday of July, by the chiefs and people of Elmina. The other objectives of the festival is to bring and fostering unity among the people and to reaffirm their relationship with the river deities. It has also been recognized that this also allows for the replenishment of the fish stock of the river. This is associated with the bountiful harvest of fish, following the festival because of the ban placed on fishing activities before and during the entire duration of the festival. While its history might not be clear, it is a festival associated with the fishing occupation of the people which has served as their primary and subsistent activity from time immemorial.



Preparation of the specialized community rituals which usher in the main festival are usually performed, six weeks before the day of the festival. The traditional priests' roles at this time is very important and this article highlights some of the spiritual importance of those roles.

The preparation begins with the paramount chief, who orders the gong-gong beater to inform the people of the imposition of a ban on net fishing in the Benya lagoon, forbidding the selling of fresh fish in the market place, forbidding newly harvested crops from being eaten or sold in public, causing the dead to be buried without delay, placing a ban on drumming, as well as other noise making activities, to bring quietness in the town. Widows are made to end widow hood rites in order to purify themselves for the coming year during the first of the six weeks of preparation towards the festival.

Burukutu Kyew (a cap on top of the sacred shrine) is replaced with a new one and the old one is carried to Kunkuntar, an abode of one of the gods, to be swallowed by the sea.

On Monday evening of the second week, youth organize at the river embankment a "gyantsiatu" (bonfire), which takes them into the following day (Tuesday). In the morning, the men carry a piece of wood with fire to chase their female counterpart, singing and casting of insinuations to get rid of all evil of the past year and as atonement to the women for wrongdoings. In the afternoon on Monday of the third week, Ankobea (Asafo No. 1) goes to carry out an important ceremony called "Kora Butw" (overtuning of the wooden platter). As part of the ceremony, a sheep is presented to the state to be sacrificed, signifying official loyalty to the gods to the taboos mentioned above.

On this same Monday very late in the evening, the gods of the lagoon is invoked and carried to the shrine to guard and guide the states as it prepares to enter the new harvesting year. The morning of the following Tuesday, the Sheep is slaughtered and offered to the gods in the midst of the pouring of libation and incantations. The women organize retaliation events and by using "mpapan" (whip), they whip menfolk they meet as they move through the streets of the town. This denotes the condemnation of immorality of men, which is offence against the state.

At the dusk of Monday of the fourth week, the first of three traditional state drumming and dancing ceremonies, popularly known as "dombo", is carried out in front of the sacred shrine. The traditional priest and the priestess drum and dance exhibiting real culture and historic events in front of all the chiefs and concerned citizens present. At certain stages, the gods of the land possesses the priest, thereby, directing and controlling his actions and utterances. These activities are repeated in the following week (fifth week).

In the sixth week, the akyemfo company (Asafo No.2) goes to the shrine to revoke the taboos institute for the purification of the town and people in preparation for towards the festival. In the evening of the Monday, they present a sheep for sacrifice in accordance with custom, signifying the lifting of the ban imposed six weeks earlier: a ceremony is known as "kobatae".

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Sally Baffour: Most of these festivals are actually our traditional way of giving land, sea, man and nature a chance to have a break for renewal and reproduction. My thoughts are that, they have been shrouded in mystery just to get man to conform, knowing how stubborn we can be. If traditions such as these had been instituted on a worldwide basis, (possibly with more transparent and contemporary approaches) perhaps we wouldn't need to be struggling so hard to persuade nations to develop eco-friendly systems to preserve nature's depleting resources.

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